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SUBJECT:KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CONSULTATIONS

REF: SEOUL 1302 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT AGREES THAT YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG ON UNGA PROSPECTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE NEED FOR A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH TO CORE GROUP TALKS. AS YOU NOTE, A COMPLETELY NEGATIVE APPROACH BY ROKG WILL HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON OUR CLOSE SUPPORTERS AND OTHERS. WE ALSO WANT TO AVOID GIVING OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS IMPRESSION THAT WE AND ROKG HAVE PRESELECTED ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION OR SET OF OPTIONS. RATHER, WE FEEL IT ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF ALL OUR SUPPORTERS TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE OPTIONS AS WELL AS TO FORMULATE A REALISTIC ESTIMATE OF OVERALL SUPPORT IN THE UNGA.

2. WE DO NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO EXERCISE WITH ROKG COUNTING VOTES FOR HYPOTHETICAL RESOLUTIONS. TO DO SO WOULD BE PREMATURE IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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THE ROK AND OURSELVES AND CONTENT OF ANY RESOLUTION.

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3. FYI: IN RESPONSE TO QUERY IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL, DEPT HAS NO VOTING ESTIMATE AS THERE IS NO BASIS TO MAKE ONE IN ABSENCE OF COMPETING RESOLUTIONS. IT IS

OUR ASSUMPTION THAT A HOSTILE RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED NO MATTER WHAT WE DO. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION WILL GAIN ADDITIONAL ADHERENTS IN ABSENCE OF A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. FURTHERMORE, WE ASSUME THAT IF WE ARE TO OPPOSE A HOSTILE RESOLUTION WITH A FRIENDLY ONE, WE HAVE BETTER PROSPECTS FOR ITS ADOPTION IF WE MAKE ITS SUBSTANCE KNOWN EARLY IN CAPITALS - WHETHER OR NOT WE INTRODUCE IT FORMALLY AND SEEK PRIORITY FOR IT.
IF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION HAS SUBSTANTIVE APPEAL AND WE WORK HARD -
AT IT, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE able TO GET IT ADOPTED. IN ANY EVENT, ABDICATION FROM MAKING AN EFFORT IS SUREST RECIPE FOR NORTH KOREAN SUCCESS IN WORKING TO ISOLATE ROKG INTERNATIONALLY. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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